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REMARKS

The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Son for his careful review of this application. After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-59 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 16, 27, 34, and 49 being independent. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 16, 27, 28, 34, and 49 herein. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the detailed description section of the specification to correct a typographical error. The Applicants believe that no new matter has been added to this application.

Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments to the application and in view of the following remarks

Summary of Telephonic Interview of February 17, 2005

The Applicants and the undersigned thank the Examiner for his time and consideration given during the telephonic interview of February 17, 2005. During this telephonic interview, proposed amendments to the claims were discussed. The Applicants provided the proposed amendments to the claims in advance of the interview.

Specifically, the Applicants discussed the proposed amendments to independent Claims 1 and 16, and noted that the amended claims are not taught by the prior art references cited by the Examiner. (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,345 B2 issued in the name of Trcka et al.; hereinafter the "Trcka" reference). The prior art does not describe or teach multiple alerts from multiple security devices nor does the prior art teach scope criteria that has variables that can be adjusted for analyzing security event data. Examiner Son considered the Applicants' proposed amendments and indicated that an updated search would be required for the amended claims.

The Applicants and the undersigned request the Examiner to review this interview summary and to approve it by writing "Interview Record OK" along with his initials and the date next to this summary in the margin as discussed in MPEP § 713.04, p. 700-202. Consideration and approval of this interview summary record are respectfully requested.